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OIL and GAS NEWS

Hugh L. Sturm, who has been in the Strawn field for several weeks, has returned to Ardmore.

E. A. Felmlee of the Success Drilling company, is here from Tulsa and will spend a few days in the field visiting with L. W. Burrow.

O. V. Doldrick of Tulsa, representing one of the big oil companies of the country, is here, and will spend several days mixing with the producers in the field, and gathering information.

Reports received from the Wildcat Jim well in section 18-2-2 in the new Graham field, say it flows now every day. The well seems to be getting better, and its production promises to be a surprise to the oil fraternity.

The Tepusquet Oil company, Henry Livingstone, manager, has moved the rig and tools from the abandoned well at Brock in this county to a large acreage near Eastland, Tex., where a well will be drilled, in which the Tepusquet and Samoset companies are equally interested. The test will be drilled about midway between the Strawn field and the Moran field.

Rig Contractor E. N. Dorsey has had a siege of business within the last few days. He has recently completed a rig for the Gypsy people in section 28-2-3, one for DuArd No. 8 in 9-1-3, rebuilt a rig at No. 1 Bull Head in section 4-4-3, where the well will be cleaned out, and probably drilled deeper, and his men have returned from Eastland, Tex., where they built a rig for the Samoset and Tepusquet Oil companies.

Shooting Scivally Well.

Scivally Petroleum company has purchased 50 quarts of nitroglycerine and has had it brought from Wichita Falls by private conveyance. The explosive should be in the fields today and H. P. Nichols left here early this morning to superintend the shooting of the company's No. 2 well in the northwest quarter of section 15-4-3. The sand in this well is said to be different from the sands in the main pool. Oil field workers who have examined it say that it is the finest looking oil sand in the entire field. The Scivally well is a small producer without shooting, and it is believed that the production will be materially increased by a shot.

Decline at Cushing.

The production at Cushing, it is reported here on the best authority, has declined 10,000 barrels since today one week ago. The proven territory in that field is all practically drilled, the only hope ever to recuperate the loss is to bring in new territory, and the wildcaters have but one chance in a thousand ever to do that. The pressure in the northern part of that field is a salt water pressure and the production is bound to decline rapidly. As that production declines the interest of the oil man will be centered on Healdton. The flush production there is gone, and there must be a change for the better in the oil market. Next to Cushing in point of production is Healdton. The slight difference in the quality of the oil will fade like dew in the sunshine just as soon as a scarcity shows on the horizon. As a matter of fact, Healdton oil has as many points of excellence over the Cushing as the Cushing has over the Healdton.

New Healdton Pipe Line.

Otto Bradford and his crew of surveyors have returned to Ardmore, after going over the entire line of the survey for the pipe line from Healdton to Gainesville. The survey is completed with the exception of two and a half miles in the bottoms of Red river which cannot be completed at this time on account of the mud left by the high waters. That part

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REFINERS INCREASING LOCAL PLANT

UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATES THAT BIG COMPANY HAS INVESTED \$175,000 HERE. REQUEST MADE FOR BIG WATER SUPPLY.

The superintendent of the Ardmore refinery has gone before the board of city commissioners and asked that body for the guarantee of 5,000 barrels of water a day from the city plant. The guarantee was made and substantial additions will be made to the refining plant. The plant originally belonged to J. E. Crosbie and the Chelsea Refining Company, but it has been stated recently that Gunsburg & Forman, big oil producers of Buffalo, New York, have purchased \$175,000 worth of stock, and this amount of money will be used to increase the capacity of the plant. The plant at this time is treating 1,000 barrels and is using 300 barrels of water, and the increase in the supply of water requested, and also in the amount of money invested indicates that a plant of at least 10,000 barrel capacity will be built.

Gunsburg & Forman, and the Chelsea people have recently built a refinery of 5,000 barrel capacity in the Cushing field. They are well pleased with their Oklahoma investments as they have purchased a large interest in the plant here. The general opinion expressed is that there will be a market for the total production of the Healdton field within the next six months, and local producers are greatly encouraged over the outlook.

of the survey is located but it is not staked. The map of the line of survey showing the route and the names of property owners will be completed Sunday, blueprints will be out by Monday and will be ready to go into the hands of George A. Todd of Ponca City, who will turn them over to the contractors. None of the right of way has been purchased, but oral easements have been obtained from every property owner, and farmers are all co-operating with the pipe line company in the building of the line.

Col. S. A. Mills, who was selected as right-of-way man, and who has given close attention to the work, will not be able to finish the work of making the purchases, as he is back in the Indian department since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notice.

All producers of crude oil in the Healdton field are hereby notified that the undersigned will, until further notice, pro rate its contract for the sale of approximately one hundred barrels of crude oil per day to the Dillard pipe line, providing the necessary gathering lines and storage tanks are furnished by those desiring to share in said contract.

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ARKANSAS PELLAGRA CASES NUMBER 200.

Little Rock, July 1.—A pellagra outbreak, with a dozen cases fifteen miles from Little Rock, was reported to the state health officers Thursday morning with requests that officials take charge of the situation and strive to stamp out the disease. Simultaneously a request was received from Clarksville that aid be sent there, as fifteen cases had been discovered. State health officials with the United States public health service now are engaged in trying to control the outbreaks at Plainview, Crossett, Graysonia and Monticello. More than two hundred cases have been reported from the above named cities, with other cases occurring frequently in remote districts. Hot weather, it was said, is conducive to pellagra spread. The disease ultimately affects the brain, causing insanity.

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DRAFTING CAPITOL CONTRACT APPROVE STEWART CO'S BID

Oklahoma City, July 1.—Carrying out the recommendation of the special citizens' provisional committee, the state capitol building commission by unanimous vote Thursday afternoon awarded the contract for the construction of the state capitol to James Stewart & Company of New York. The bid accepted by the commissioners is for \$1,253,500, which was the lowest submitted by any of the bidders.

The exterior of the first story of the building will be of Oklahoma light gray granite, and the remainder of Bedford stone. The interior is to be finished in Vermont marble.

Since the bids were received some time ago, the commission has been in session nearly every day studying the different propositions that were submitted. The action Thursday afternoon consisted simply of the formal vote accepting the Stewart bid.

The attorney general's office will begin Friday preparing the terms of the contract, which will be signed at the earliest possible moment. It is understood that the contract will contain a clause, providing that the building shall be ready for occupancy by the Sixth legislature when it convenes in January, 1917.

According to the terms of the new capitol legislation, the salaries of the present members of the capitol commission cease at the expiration of fifteen days following the signing of the contract and after that time they are placed on a per diem basis, receiving \$10 per day for the time actually employed. They will work subject to the call of the governor.

ONE-DOLLAR BILLS ARE RAISED TO FIVES

Oklahoma City, July 1.—Admissions tantamount to a full confession have been obtained from J. F. Pruitt, Alvin Donahue and Raymond Johnson, three young men, on a charge of raising \$1 bills to \$5, technically booked as counterfeiting, according to United States District Attorney John Fain, Thursday. The three defendants were arraigned before United States Commissioner James Twyford, waived preliminary hearing, and were bound over to the Enid federal grand jury, where it is said they are expected to enter pleas of guilty. None of the three young men was

able to furnish bond in the sum of \$500, so they were all remanded to the county jail, where they will remain as federal prisoners, until their cases are called before the federal grand jury. They are all strangers who recently came to Oklahoma City from distant states, Attorney Fain said Thursday.

The young men are said to have raised \$1 notes to \$5 denominations by means of paint, paste and other crude materials. It is said that the spurious notes were easily detected and that the trio was only operating in a small way, and only for a short time, when found out. They are alleged to have passed the bad paper on some Oklahoma City merchants, their arrests having followed.

Only two specimens of the imitation bills are in possession of the federal authorities, but it is not believed that many are in circulation. From the appearance of the notes, the boys are novices at the game of counterfeiting, it is claimed. Attorney Fain has been practically assured that the lads will not resist the government's prosecution, but will plead guilty and receive sentence.

Hamon May Go East.

Oilton, Okla., July 1.—Jake L. Hamon, oil magnate in the Healdton field and railroad builder, said today that he is considering the construction of a line of railway in the extreme east at the present time and that he will leave soon to investigate the proposition. He built the Ringling road west from Ardmore and was also a bidder for the Oil Belt Terminal and Cushing Traction company line of road surveyed from Cushing to Tulsa across the oil field, and at that time it was understood that he was being backed by the Santa Fe Railroad company. Recently Mr. Hamon was tendered a proposition to build an electric interurban line in the Imperial valley in California.

AMPUTATES HIS OWN HAND

Carneiro, Kansas, Youth Declares Member was a Devil

Carneiro, Kans., July 1.—Roy Harris, 20 years old, amputated his right hand at the wrist here by using a razor. The boy claimed the hand was a devil, and at midnight, in a pasture, far from any house, he performed the amputation. He succeeded in stanching the flow of blood.



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